

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
November 2, 2009

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Mader was absent.

Mrs. Ritzinger stated that Council was requested to hold Temp. Ord. B-116

Legislation to be Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-115

Temp. Ord. B-117

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-115

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the waterline in Tudor Street from Highland Avenue to Stuart Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that the water main in Tudor Street has experienced a significant number of breaks recently. Eight have been in the past five years. It was originally built in the 1930s. They received 15 bids and hope to award it next week assuming this legislation passes. They are estimating a July 1, 2010 completion date. Mrs. Klinger stated the budget sheet mentions the savings is coming from the Taft water line project. She asked if that meant that project will not be done. Mr. Brodzinski stated it would not be done in 2009. The City had a request from the State to look for capital funds for the Taft water line. They applied for Issue 1 funds but were not successful. Given the condition of the Tudor line, they made a decision to go with Tudor. Mrs. Carr stated they reprioritized projects because of the breaks. They felt they had a chance to get State money for Taft but it did not work out.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-115.

Temp. Ord. B-116

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the storm and sanitary sewers on 11th, 12th, 13th Streets and Jefferson, Phelps and Leavitt Avenues, near Oak Park, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that for the past two years, Osborne Engineering performed an evaluation of the City's parking decks. On October 20, they opened the bids for the first set of repairs. They received nine bids and have an expected completion date of June 1, 2010. Future repairs will include electric and plumbing. Mrs. Ritzinger asked if this project will begin this year. Mr. Demasi stated they may need to wait for the weather to break. They want to get it done before the festivals start up. He stated this is a new company out of North Royalton. Mr. Ihasz asked about the other decks. Mr. Demasi stated they all need a certain amount spent on maintenance each year. They look at them on an annual basis. The Green (north) deck took priority for this year. Mr. Ihasz stated there had been discussion about taking that deck down. Mr. Demasi stated the decision was made to repair it to get a few more years of life out of it. He added that the repairs would not affect student or employee parking. Mrs. Hummel confirmed that the estimated cost for this repair was \$110,000. She asked if there was an estimate on what the next repairs might be in terms of cost. Mr. Demasi stated they would be of the same magnitude over the next several years. Mrs. Hummel asked if the City was making a commitment to keep this deck open and in good repair for the next ten years. Mr.

Demasi stated no, even if they decided to remove it in the next three years. This is not a waste of money. It is to keep the deck in safe condition until then. It is currently in safe condition but repairs need to be made now so it does not become unsafe. Mrs. Hummel asked how much money the City would be committing over the next two to three years. Mr. Demasi stated the figures in the current 5-Year Capital Plan would be a good indication of a starting point. Mrs. Klinger stated those figures were \$50,000 in 2010; \$50,000 in 2011; \$75,000 in 2012 and \$200,000 in 2013.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-117.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.